

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 892

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend J.C. Williams, Principal of George Washington Carver High School in Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize that there can be no greater influence on a child than that of a good teacher; and

WHEREAS, time spent in the classroom is an investment that will reap great dividends not only for the present, but for future generations as well; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Williams has generously shared his skills, compassion, and enthusiasm with the many valued students of George Washington Carver High School as their Principal; under his tireless leadership, students have been encouraged to commit themselves to excellence, academic mastery, and high expectations; and

WHEREAS, by personal example, Mr. Williams has set a highly visible standard of citizenship for his students, earning the great respect and admiration of George Washington Carver High School's students, faculty, staff, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the members of the George Washington Carver High School community have many reasons to take pride in their school; G.W. Carver offers the following optional courses: Honors English, Etymology, African-American Literature, Anatomy, Physiology, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, and Financial Planning; a wide range of safety net programs such as Gateway Intervention and Tutoring, ACT Tutoring, and Course Recovery are in place to ensure student success; the school has established a Family Resource Center to serve the school and its community; G.W. Carver has a comprehensive athletic program that includes nine sports, and their football team is the MIAA 2A City Champion with the number one defensive team in the city; and

WHEREAS, George Washington Carver High School boasts an enrollment of 601 students and promotion rates of 73 percent with an average class size of twenty-two; moreover, fully 43 percent of the faculty have Master's or Doctoral Degrees; and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence, George Washington Carver High School offers an innovative and effective array of academic programs to help students excel, including the Plato Learning Lab, Newspapers in Education, AP English, and Physics; other special programs include Charmette, Captivating Ladies of Essence, National Honor Society, Beta Club, BPA Club, FCCLA Club, and GED+2; and

WHEREAS, George Washington Carver High School has also partnered with corporations, including MLG&W, Cargill, and Premcor Refining Group to offer rewards and incentives for students on the academic, attendance, and citizenship honor rolls, as well as offering summer internships and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Principal J.C. Williams's message to the G.W. Carver High School community is one of substance: "At George Washington Carver High School, we are committed to our mission of providing every student with the educational opportunities needed to be productive citizens in our ever-changing society. With that thought in mind, we make every effort to involve parents, alumni, community, and business partners in this venture."; and

WHEREAS, in his many years in education and educational administration, Mr. J.C. Williams has, by his commitment, dedication, personal involvement, and enthusiasm for the success of each one of his students, exemplified the very best in teaching excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend J.C. Williams for his outstanding record as Principal of George Washington Carver High School, and for his many years of dedicated and selfless service to the students under his care as an educator and administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank J.C. Williams for his commitment to the education of the youth of his community, his devotion to their best interests, and his many

contributions to his community and to this State. We offer him our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors and much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.